

**BIG COTTONWOOD WATER USERS
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2015
10:00 a.m.
OAKLEY CANAL COMPANY**

PRESENT:

Jared Mitton	James Muller
Mike Cranney	Marilyn Short
Russell Patterson	David Pickett
Brad Lowe	Chantry Whittle

NOT PRESENT:

Arden Cranney

I. Jared Mitton, President called the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Water Users to order at 10:08 a.m., on January 20, 2015. The meeting was held at the Oakley Canal Company Office located at 100 West Elm St. Oakley, Idaho.

II. Appointment of Secretary: David Pickett made a motion to appoint Marilyn Short as meeting secretary, Brad Lowe seconded the motion, All agreed, motion carried.

III. Minutes: The minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were read by Marilyn Short. Russell Patterson made the motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections. Brad Lowe seconded the motion. All agreed, motion carried.

IV. Election/reappointment of officers:

1. Mike Cranney made a motion to retain the officers and board of advisors for another year, Russell Patterson seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.

The officers are: Jared Mitton - President, Tyler Cranney - Secretary/Treasurer.

The board of advisors is as follows:

Brad Lowe
Arden Cranney
David Pickett
Russell Patterson

2. David Pickett made a motion to retain the services of Oakley Canal Company for another year with James Mullen as Watermaster and Chantry Whittle as ditch rider, responsible for water delivery. Russell Patterson seconded motion, all approved, motion carried.

V. Financial Report: The board reviewed the financial reports. As of January 20, 2015, there was \$13,169.09 in the checking account. The Oakley Canal Company's 2015 assessment fee is \$5,000.00, the secretarial fee is \$300.00. There are no accounts receivables. David Pickett made a motion to pay the bills. Brad Lowe seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

VI. Budget David Pickett made a motion to keep the budget at \$6000 for 2015. Mike Cranney seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried. David Pickett also made a motion to continue allowing the county assessor's office to bill the assessments. Russell Patterson seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

VII. Watermaster's Report: James Mullen presented the Watermaster's report.

Snow pack level at Bostetter is 38" snow depth – 10.9" water equivalency

In 2014 it was: 17" snow depth – 3.3 " water equivalency

Reservoir Level is 64.17 or 16,200 acre feet

Stream flows: Trapper: 12 sec ft (600") Goose: 32 sec ft (1600")est

Mike Cranney made a motion to accept the water master report. David Pickett seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried.

VIII. Old Business:

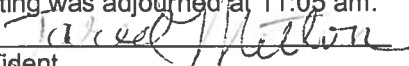
1. James Mullen and Chantry Whittle presented a slide show showing the improvements to the Main Diversion that was completed this year. They also showed pictures of the area they cleaned.
2. The costs of improvements were: Structural = \$3700, diversion cleaning = \$1000. The structural costs were divided among the water users and billed to them individually. The diversion cleaning funds were taken out of the budget. When the funds are collected the District will pay James Mullen for the cost of the jobs.
3. James Mullen discussed with the board the improvements that are needed in 2014. Work needs to be done to the screen in the cement box on the lower diversion. An insert needs to be put in to regulate the water on the south side of the culvert. It will necessitate the removal of 2 trees and the check. Jared Mitton asked James about the cost of just replacing the screen. James estimated \$1000. Tyler Cranney suggested he and Picketts should split the cost of that and he would speak to Picketts about it. Tyler Cranney made a motion to approve the repairs discussed. Brad Lowe seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried.
4. James Mullen discussed the problems with willows in the West ditch. Spraying after trimming was suggested as an option to control them. Brad Lowe agreed with James that using the excavator to remove them was the best option. James estimated the cost at \$1500.00. Brad Lowe made a motion to allow the removal of willows from the west ditch mechanically and pro-rate the costs to the water users. Tyler seconded the motion, all agreed, motion carried. Brad asked James to meet with him following the meeting to work out details.
5. Pickett Ranches will clean the ditch to the flats this year -2014

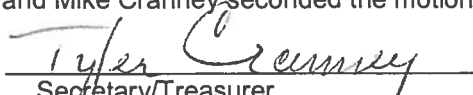
IX. New Business

1. There was much discussion about the improvements done last year at the diversion, including the catwalks and the cleaning of the willows from the west ditch. The benefits were noticed in the 2014 water season and made everyone's job easier. James Mullen reported he is hoping to get the diversion cleaned as soon as he completes the pipe project he is working on.
2. James Mullen is also planning on replacing the screen at the lower diversion this spring. He wants to put a bar screen there, which is easier to clean. He will redesign it so it won't plug up, blocking the water. There was much discussion on the debris and gravel which settles there causing problems with stream flows. James assured the board that he has taken that into consideration but needs a screen that is also easily cleaned.
3. Mike Cranney introduced discussion regarding the measuring of water that is put into the injection wells and the need to be credited somehow for that water. James Mullen emphasized that we need to keep good records of all the water put into the wells.
4. Cranneys will clean the ditch to the flats this year (2015)
5. Brad Lowe asked James Mullen if he could possibly open up the diversion to the NW feeder this year. James said that he could.

The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00am, January 19th, 2016 here at the Canal office

David Pickett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Cranney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.


President


Secretary/Treasurer

COTTONWOOD WATER USERS

Bedke, Frank ~~To Pickett's~~ ~~PO Box 83 - Oakley, ID 83346~~
Cranney Farms 1310 S. 600 W- Oakley, ID 83346
Cranney, Ardon 250 W. 1545 S. - Oakley, ID 83346
Mitton, Del Roy PO Box 231 - Oakley, ID 83346
Oakley Canal Co PO Box 207 - Oakley, ID 83346
Pickett Ranch and Sheep 568 W. 1650 S. - Oakley, ID 83346
Paterson, Russel 1800 Z St. -Heyburn, ID 83336
Woodhouse, Paul ~~c/o Cranney's~~ ~~1550 S. Hwy 27 - Oakley, ID 83346~~
Fish & Game c/o Mike Todd 319 S. 417 E. Hwy 93 - Jerome, ID 83338
Blair Dance - LCSC 433 E. Las Colinas Blvd Ste 1290, LB12 - Irving, TX 75039